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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: FOIA-2019-00889

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your request dated May 21, 2019, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to the following:

Any and all documents in the agency's possession that pertain to the WikiLeaks website or organization from January 2006 to the present date, including but not limited to emails, memos, notes, briefings, reports and other documents related to, mentioning or generated as a result of:

- guidance and instructions for employees regarding visiting the website or
- otherwise reading or learning about it in the news
- internal reactions to the website's existence and disclosures
- damage reports regarding the website and its disclosures
- efforts to identify, investigate and/or mitigate potential leaks to the website
- efforts to identify, investigate and/or mitigate potential unauthorized viewing of the website or news reports analyzing it and/or its contents

In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records on June 11, 2019.

Your request did not indicate an agreement to pay any fees associated with the processing of your request. However, the Commission's fee regulations specify that fees less than \$25 will be waived. *See* 16 C.F.R. § 4.8(b)(4). Because the fees associated with the processing of your request did not exceed \$25, we have processed your request free of charge. In the future, please provide a fee agreement to facilitate the processing of your request.

We have located 7 pages of responsive records. I am granting partial access to the accessible records. Portions of these pages fall within one or more of the exemptions to the FOIA's disclosure requirements, as explained below.

Some responsive records contain staff analyses, opinions, and recommendations. Those portions are deliberative and pre-decisional and are an integral part of the agency's decision making process. They are exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements by FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). *See NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132 (1975).

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission,

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, or via email at [FOIAAppeal@ftc.gov](mailto:FOIAAppeal@ftc.gov), within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from the FTC FOIA Public Liaison Richard Gold via telephone at 202-326-3355 or via e-mail at [rgold@ftc.gov](mailto:rgold@ftc.gov); or from the Office of Government Information Services via email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), via fax at 202-741-5769, or via mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Lisa Gomes at 202-326-2827.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dione J. Stearns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dione" being the most prominent part.

Dione J. Stearns  
Assistant General Counsel